Security forces killed in J & K

†2286. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers/officers of Army and other security forces killed in terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the assistance provided by the Government to their families posthumously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the number of Army and other Security Forces personnel killed in terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir from 1.1.2000 to 31.7.2004 is 1864.

(b) A comprehensive welfare package for the armed forces personnel, which includes *ex-gratia* lump sum compensation in a graded scale, Liberalized special family pension on the basis of last pay drawn by the deceased personnel, death gratuity and family gratuity as per specified rates as applicable and Insurance Cover as applicable has been worked out and implemented for the next of kin of those killed in terrorist action. Payment of dues is a continuing process and all benefits as applicable to the next of kin of deceased personnel are being paid on completion of necessary documentation and on meeting of legal requirements.

For CPMF personnel, an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 5 lakhs along with extraordinary pension equal to 60% of the last drawn baisc pay by the deceased employee subject to a minimum of Rs. 2500/- and all other service benefits like GPF, CGEGIS, leave encashment, DCRG as admissible is granted when death occurs due to accident in the course of performance of duties. An *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 5 lakhs along with Liberalized Pensionary Award (LPA) equal to last pay drawn by the deceased employee and all other pensionary benefits like GPF, CGEGIS, leave encashment, DCRG is granted when death occurs in the course of performance of duties arrtibutable to act of violence, anti-social elements. An *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 7.5 lakhs along with Liberalized Pensionary Award (LPA) equal to last pay drawn by the deceased employee and all other pensionary benefits like GPF, CGEGIS, leave encashment, DCRG is

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

granted when death occurs (a) enemy action, international war or Border skirmishes and (b) action against militants, terrorist, and extremists.

An *ex-gratia* payment of Rs. 5 lakh is given as assistance to the families of J&K Plice personnel killed in terrorist attacks (Rs. 2 lakhs is paid by the State Government and reimbursed by SRE (Security Related Expenditure) while Rs. 3 lakh is paid dirsctly by MHA).

Deadlock in Talks with Hurriyat Leaders

2287. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks between the Centre and Hurriyat leaders on Kashmir have ended into a deadlock after Centres rejection of Hurriyat's proposals to have talks direct with the Prime Minister and a dialogue with Pakistan before the third round of talks with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Steps to prevent floods

2288. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of pre-emptive measures the flood situation in Worth-East and Bihar has worsened;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to rescue the marooned people; and

(d) the details of the long-term measures taken to prevent floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Measures for flood control are primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government assists the efforts of the States by providing financial support, wherever